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Attorney Docket No.: DEM1P007

Application No.: 09/888,340

Examiner: Robinson Boyce, Akiba K.

Filed: June 22, 2001

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Title: PRICE OPTIMIZATION WITH RULE  
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Dear Examiner:

Applicant encloses herewith a Preliminary Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2005. Any required fee has been calculated as shown below.

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Total Claims	19	MINUS	20	0	x 25 =	x 50 = 0
Independent Claims	2	MINUS	3	0	x 100 =	x 200 = 0
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Respectfully submitted,



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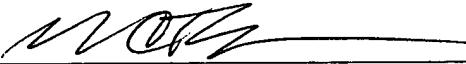
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2005, please amend the above identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.